

REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 2-13, 15, 16 and 25-31 are pending in the application.

Claims 28-31 are newly presented to more fully protect subject matter disclosed in priority application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now patent 5,841,978).

The present specification incorporates by reference the disclosure of commonly-owned patent 5,862,260 (see specification, page 1, lines 4, 14; copy of the '260 patent submitted herewith). This '260 patent includes essentially the entire specification of the priority application 08/508,083 on which the new claims are based.

Support for the new claims is found in the incorporated-by-reference '260 patent. See, e.g., column 27, lines 25-41, and between column 40, line 45 and column 41, line 26.

Out of abundance of caution, applicants are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer over commonly-owned patent 6,590,997 (a copy of which is provided with the IDS submitted herewith) to obviate any potential obviousness-type double patenting rejection of new claim 29 over earlier patented claim 8.

The "steganographically embedded" limitation of the new claims encompasses a variety of arrangements, including those detailed in earlier-cited patent 4,807,031 to Broughton in which the luminance of video scan lines is modulated to subliminally convey a command or data signal.

(Claim 16 is noted as "Previously Presented." However, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the fact that this claim was amended in the Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination, which had not been entered at the time the present amendment was filed.)

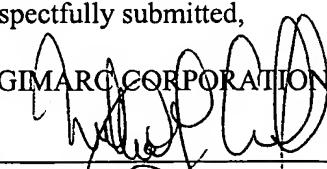
An IDS is submitted herewith.

Favorable consideration is solicited.

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